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POLYPEPTIDE OF COFFEE PLANT
AND THE GENE ENCODING SAID
POLYPEPTIDE



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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action (Requirement for Restriction, Paper No. 8) mailed June 21, 2002, in regard to the subject application, Applicants respectfully elect, without traverse, the subject matter of Group II which currently contains Claims 18-27, 32, and 33.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

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